

District 22 (Area 93) Committee Meeting Minutes

9/8/2024 – Hybrid

Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**

**ATTENDEES**

1	Jeff L.	District 22 DCM
2	Lisa T.	Alt. DCM / GSR Back to Basics
3	Elisa M.	District 22 Secretary
4	Sheryl G.	District 22 Treasurer
5	Judy G.	District 22 Tech Chair / GSR Women's 12 x 12 (Zoom)
6	Paul L.	District 22 CPC/PI Chair
7	Jon K.	Central Office Liaison
8	Bert B.	Convention Liaison
9	Brianna P.	GSR Open Door
10	Debbie P.	GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays)
11	Anna P.	GSR Serenity Group & Mesa Group
12	Jim	GSR Sunday Evening Rap Group
13	Lucas W.	GSR Morro Bay Young People
14	Wayne N.	GSR Five Cities Group
15	Rosie D.	GSR Surrender to Win
16	Kevin D.	GSR Anonymous #3
17	Rick L.	GSR ABC Group
18	Ally B.	Alt. GSR ABC Group
19	Joshua W.	GSR Morning Fantastic Morro Bay

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by Jeff with the Serenity Prayer. Concept IX read.

**Introduction of new GSRs and visitors:** Joshua W. new GSR for Morning Fantastic Group in Morro Bay.

**REPORTS**

**DCM, Jeff L.**

- Attended the Area 93 Assembly in Goleta on 8/18/24. 5 GSR's, 2 Alt. GSR's, 2 Area Committee Members, one DCM, and one Alt. DCM attended the Assembly from District 22.
- Attended DCM sharing. Area 93 needs help with funding. Groups can make donations directly to Area 93.
- A debit card s acquired without previous approval. There is more accountability now. The debit card has been cancelled. Venmo contributions still need approval. Area 93 needs to buy phone to accept contributions. This was voted down one at a time.
- The committee on Seniors in Sobriety is still discussing ways to reach out to the elderly community. Reaching out more with Zoom has been suggested. There is an AA meeting on Zoom in the LA area for seniors. The Seniors in sobriety committee is asking that all groups make sure that their meetings are assessable to the elder population of alcoholics.
- Zenna the Area 93 Treasurer states that they have \$10,103.14 in their budget and is asking for contributions.

- Area 93 Chairman Rudy reported on the groups in Area 93 that he has visited. He attended the Pacific Regional Forum in Las Vegas on July 12-14, 2024. He shared the information presented by GSO.
- Area 93 Alt. Delegate Amy is asking for more hosts for the Assemblies. The November Assembly will be in Lancaster. She had all new GSR's and Alt. GSR's at the orientation.
- Area 93 Delegate Pablo discussed the Area 93 Challenge. That \$6.43 per AA member and \$157.28 per group be donated to the General Service Board before 12/31/2024 for group services. Flyer for this challenge has been emailed to the District.
- Standing Committee and Liaison Reports will be shared at District Committee Meeting on 9/8/2024.
- An Area 93 Zoom Assembly is scheduled for 9/22/2024. This is a follow up to the Assembly on 8/18/2024 to cover new items. The time ran out at this assembly. The agenda will be emailed out to District 22.

#### **Alt. DCM, Lisa T.**

- Please let your groups know that our district elections are coming up in Nov. for board and committee positions.
- Even people who haven't tried it, come and check it out. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday will be elections
- Traditions workshop in November 11/9/24. Give our members an idea of what our committee does and what it looks like.
- Looking at locations in SLO for this. Methodist Church or Calvary Church, looking for a contact for these locations please.
- 805-264-1715 can text Lisa at this number if anyone has a contact for either of these 2 locations.
- Once location situated, will get a flier out to the groups.
- Budget: look into records for cost of last event or 2. \$745 spent, budget of \$1000.
- Will need set-up, coffee, clean up volunteers.
- Agenda: 10 set up tables, make coffee. 1030: sign in, networking. Seated at 11. 11-12 presentations from committee folks, focused on what goes on and how it interacts with our district. 12:00 lunch, 12:30 traditions speaker. 2 or earlier it would end, and we would clean up.

#### **Secretary, Elisa M.**

- Thank you Sonia for doing the minutes for August. Unfortunately, will be gone for October's meeting as well. Debbie agrees to do the minutes for October, thank you so much!!
- Jim wasn't on the minutes attendance list, but he was in attendance.
- **Sheryl moves to approve August minutes, Paul 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

#### **Treasure Report, Sheryl G.**

- **Checking:** \$7,793.88 / **Savings:** \$3,000.25 / **Total:** \$10,794.13 as of the end of August 2024.
- August financials: **Contributions:** \$ 442.70 / **Expenditures:** \$2,114.09 (PRAASA travel) / **Total:** \$-1,794.69.
- Year to date total contributions at end of August 2024: \$3,806.51.
- Got reimbursement for Area Assembly in May.
- Final numbers for Area Assembly they paid the \$600 over expense also.
- **Paul moves to approve the financials as read, Judy 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**
- Our contributions are way, way down. Budgeted for \$7,000 this year (vs \$12,000), because we were not spending as much. But we aren't even going to reach that \$7,000. Before expenses,

gotten \$3,806 in and spent \$8,204 *before* expenses being paid out today. We need to start looking at how we are spending our money.

- General expenses are low, most funds go towards travel. Need to revisit how we doll out these funds.
- Before Covid, not many people attended events. Had 10 people go to the last assembly now.
- Go back to original guidelines. In the service manual states, it is up to each group to reimburse their GSR for service activity.
- Our by-laws: GSR (separate budget allocated for DCM), Alt DCM, Secretary, Treasurer, Registrar, and standing committee chairpersons are eligible for mileage reimbursement to Area Assemblies, if their groups cannot reimburse them. Committee members encouraged to carpool. All other expenses considered on an individual basis.
- Been reimbursing anyone right now, but we shouldn't be approving every request, per the By Laws.
- PRAASA in Alaska, would be nice to help people attend.
- Proposing that everybody needs to go to groups first to ask for reimbursement (can you actually afford it yourself too?)
- **Motion: reimbursement for anything besides mileage, needs to be approved by the entire board. Need to bring it to the group and we vote on it.** Everything in our guidelines says it's handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Discussion: 2-day conference in Lancaster coming up. Our Area is huge, everything occurs far away from us, can't not stay at hotels. If money is available, it should be made available. Do have a lot of \$, which is just for travel. Not trying to be wealthy, but don't have to scrimp and save.
- Previously, Goleta would not have been an overnight stay. How do you decide that? Nothing in guideline that it must be beyond a certain point. If not going over 200 miles, didn't get a hotel. Usually just a day trip. Lancaster is far away and is a 2-day event. Should be reimbursed for 1 night, 2 nights is excessive.
- The point is, partially we need to really evaluate what needs to be reimbursed for. Need to be making smarter choices about where the \$ is being spent. We're spending the alcoholics' money and should maybe be more mindful of that and use discretion.
- **Amend motion: if asking for reimbursement for expenses other than mileage, must have board PRE-APPROVAL at meeting before event; July 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved.**

**Registrar, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled.**

- Data integrity project information still needed. Are these groups still active or in existence? Do they have a GSR? Sign them up for GSR or mail contact if they are. List of our groups unknown will be sent out.

### **GSR REPORTS**

- **Judy G. – GSR Women's 12 x 12 (Zoom):** Nothing to report, going well, and have very little contributions.
- **Wayne N. – GSR Five Cities Group:** Going OK, lots of zoom meetings. Bowling event at the end of the month, will be put on website. Activities director for an event once a month.
- **Jon K. – GSR Nooner in the Park:** M-F at noon at Meadow Park in SLO, corner of Meadow and Woodbridge, could use some support.
- **Lucas W. – GSR Morro Bay Young People:** Nothing to report, going great, good attendance, almost at pre-covid levels of attendance.

- **Anna P. – GSR Serenity Group & Mesa Group:** Both groups working on continuing to educate secretaries on what their responsibilities are, and to educate new secretaries so information is not being watered down. Get a secretary handbook, where coffee supplies, cleaning supplies, donation envelopes, etc. are located. Reaching out to secretaries on a 1 to 1 basis. Emphasizing other opportunities of service beyond being a secretary as well, amongst board of meeting or district. Letting people know there is a big world of service opportunities and supporting spirit of rotation. Rumor control on plain language big book. It's just a tool to be used with the big book, not a whole new big book. Educate! Mesa Group and Serenity working to do annual thanksgiving at Mesa Group 11-2 usually, more info to come, speaker also.
- **Lisa T. – GSR Back to Basics:** Still hybrid, blessed to have several newcomers. Going very well.
- **Jim – GSR Sunday Evening Rap Group:** Going well, not very rich but good. Business meeting tonight, will bring up these issues to the group. Especially the reimbursement concerns.
- **Debbie P. – GSR Women's Big Book Study (Tuesdays):** Going well, fluctuating. New secretary and new treasurer voted in.
- **Joshua W. – GSR Morning Fantastic:** New GSR for Morning Fantastic in MB, needs to get registered as GSR, learning what this position entails.
- **Brianna D. – GSR Open Door:** Very well attended, 14 birthdays last month and meeting. Apologize for absence in last meeting. Will bring up everything mentioned in this meeting to the group.
- **Rosie D. – GSR Surrender to win:** Still newcomers coming in. Size of group growing just a bit. Doing well. About 10 people.
- **Kevin D. – GSR Anonymous #3:** Wednesday meeting, not registered with GSO. Anonymous #3. Will be registered now. About 15 people. Seems to be doing well.
- **Ally B. – Alt. GSR ABC Group:** Lots of newcomers 1 week, then don't come back. Struggling financially but holding their own. \$600-\$800/month for AC that doesn't really work.
- **Rick L. – GSR ABC Group:** Good day to be sober, good to see everyone. Thank you everyone for their work. Pulling for district contributions but always gets shut down. Some newcomers do stick around.  
Wayne: Electrician at COR meeting discussed ABC groups issues. 30 AMP circuit breaker to save electricity, could maybe help with issues?
- **Matt L. – GSR Pioneer Group:** Emailed Report: The Pioneer Group has approximately \$11,800 total funds as of September 2024. Possible Halloween Party this year. Currently is in the discussion phase. Meeting attendance is good. Meetings are every day at 7:30, 12:00 and 5:30 with an average of 40 people or more, at most at noon and 5:30 meetings. Always lots of newcomers at meetings, which means there is a need and opportunity for sponsorship. Birthday meeting is the last Thursday of each month at 5:30.

**VISITING AREA 93 OFFICER** – None present

**STANDING COMMITTEE & LIAISON REPORTS**

**Archives Chair, Leonard L. - ABSENT**

**CPC/PI Chair, Paul L.**

Made a lot of contacts to libraries in the county and local VA for putting up information and some of those cards in doctors' offices, etc. Information being posted everywhere we go.

- *If there are people in the education, medical, or correctional professions interested in learning more about AA, please get a contact name and number and send it to Paul L. who will reach out to them personally.*

**Grapevine Chair, Bonnie N. - ABSENT**

**Technology Chair, Judy G.**

- In the interest of time, nothing to report.

**Intergroup Liaison, Jon K.**

- Treasurer and communications director board members are terming out, and chairperson has been doubling as volunteer coordinator as well.
- **IN NEED OF VOLUNTEERS!**
- Dick B. Chairperson: 805-431-4164, definitely looking for help.
- ***Suggested 1 year of recovery time to volunteer at Central Office.***
- COR meeting the second Sunday of the Month at 8:45 am only on Zoom, meeting information for this meeting is online.
- The central office in Los Osos is open Mon – Fri 12:00pm– 6:00pm and Sat 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
- Have books and literature available as well as newcomer packets and printed meeting schedules. Jim, Member at Large, will also bring newcomer packets to your meeting if in need.
- Meeting schedules and the *Nameless Newsletters* can also be accessed and printed online at [www.SLOAA.org](http://www.SLOAA.org). “News and Events” link has a link to have the *Nameless Newsletter* sent right to your email.
- Answers calls for AA, with call-forwarding to volunteers when the office is closed.
- Volunteers are always needed. Go to SLOAA.org and use the “Contact” link to reach out about volunteering.
- Use the above link to contact Central Office about updates regarding meetings. The website is only as good as what information is provided.

**SLOYPAA Liaison, Vacant. – Report Provided by Brianna**

- Looking forward to being of service for traditions workshop.
- Doing well, annual campout, well attended. Had a sobriety countdown.
- Taking over NYE at Grange. Event is free selling tri-tip dinner tickets to pay for facility and a few other expenses. \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door. In the works of getting those tickets out. Event to remain similar and the same as before, just being hosted and organized by SLOYPAA this year.
- Mission Statement: The purpose of SLOYPAA is to strengthen the unity between AA members and AA groups in San Luis Obispo and surrounding areas. We hope to share the enthusiasm in our spirit of service to our area by bidding for YPAA conventions. We will achieve this by showing that we absolutely insist on having fun, to the growing number of young alcoholics, through attraction rather than promotion, by practicing the 12 Steps in our lives, the 12 Traditions in our groups, and carrying the message in and outside our meetings and events.
- Bi-Monthly Committee meetings 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Melody, 265 South Street, Suite F in SLO.
- All ages are welcome and encouraged to join. Elder statesmen in high demand for experience and suggestions.
- Talk to current members about being invited to Slack, an online business application for members, or to be invited to our Facebook group.

### **Convention Liaison, Bert B.**

- The convention was very successful with the basic numbers as follows: Registration total was 612; 382 pre-regs and 230 onsite. 2022=557, 2023 =646. 50+ scholarships were given out.
- Al-Anon Luncheon was changed to a bigger location and was sold out with 140 in attendance. Was limited to 110 last year.
- All the financials are not yet available. Will report them when available.
- Reminder that the International AA Convention will be in Vancouver BC July 3-6, 2025.

### **H & I Liaison, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled.**

- New facility in south county Pismo Beach, need volunteers.
- **Monthly Meetings “Bridging the Gap” 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month @ 6:30pm at the Alano Club (sort of Hybrid).**
- Alive and well and need new commitments filled.
- Openings and would like some help.
- Can contact Jon K. at (805) 471-7173 for more information.
- H&I is active and taking meetings every week into the men’s jail, women’s jail, juvenile hall, CMC, and starting back up at Atascadero State Hospital.
- Also bring in literature to these places.
- Rely on donations from all the groups, can send a donation for the literature to the Central Office c/o H&I.

**District 6 Liaison, (VACANT) – Please spread the word we need this position filled.** This is a Spanish District.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- Data integrity project, AA history.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Area Assembly Continuance** Sunday 9/22/2024. ID and passcode are on the agenda.

**Adjournment:** Sheryl moved to close, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 11:30a with the Responsibility Statement: “I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

Next hybrid District 22 Meeting will be Sunday, October 13th, 2024, 10:15a – 11:30a at the SLO Alano Club, 3075 Broad St. or Zoom ID: **88279258044** / Password: **D22GSR**.